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This submission provides proposed discussion points for an interview to be held with the Examiner.

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**Proposed Discussion Points for Examiner Interview March 13, 2006**

1. With reference to Applicant's claims 1 and 7 and to Figure 4 of Suh, the limitation of "mapping each of the plurality of interrupt sources to each of the plurality of interrupt inputs" is not disclosed or suggested. Suh discloses only interrupt sources "is0-is5" being input into the first round robin arbiter 41. Interrupt sources "is0-is5" are not input into each of a plurality of interrupt inputs as recited in the claim. Neither the figure nor the disclosure discloses each of interrupt sources being mapped to each of the interrupt inputs.

2. The "Participate" signal of Prenn does not disclose "selectively enabling interrupt requests from each of the plurality of interrupt sources to one or more of the plurality of interrupt inputs." The "Participate" signal is provided to the Product term generator 252, Summary term generator 206 and selection circuit 208, which are not involved in the generation of the interrupt request IRQ.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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